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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

11 May 2006

Installation Safety Management Office

Mr. Harry R. Steinmetz
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia. PA 19103-2029

Re: Submission of Information Safety Light Corporation Site, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Steinmetz:

Fort Detrick employees conducted an extensive records search in response to your 18 April 2006 CERCLA 104(e) Information Request. The records searched do not contain any information establishing that a business relationship existed between Fort Detrick and the Safety Light Corporation. In addition, no documents or files were found indicating that Fort Detrick purchased radioactive material from the Safety Light Corporation or that we transported or shipped hazardous and/or radioactive waste to the Safety Light Site. The information you requested is provided below.

- a. Question 1: No records were found which describe, establish or show any business relationship existed between Fort Detrick and the Safety Light Corporation.
- b. Question 2: An extensive search was conducted to locate any records maintained at Fort Detrick, at other offices within command channels (US Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois) and at other agencies (Washington National Records Center, Suitland, Maryland; National Archives and Records Administration, Washington D.C.) that document disposal or transportation of any radiological waste to the Safety Light Corporation. No such records were found. Based upon this records search, Fort Detrick has not transported and/or brokered hazardous substances and/or radioactive waste or other wastes that were disposed of or reclaimed by U.S. Radium, Lime Ridge Industries, USR Industries, USR Metals, Metreal or Isolite to the Site.
- c. Question 3: As the response to Question Number 2 is negative, Fort Detrick was unable to find and does not have within its possession, custody, or control any information (records, documentation, etc) responsive to this question.
- d. Question 4: Based upon an extensive search of all available records and files, Fort Detrick did not generate radioactive wastes or other wastes that were disposed of or reclaimed by U.S. Radium, Lime Ridge Industries, USR Industries, USR Metals, Metrael or Isolite at the Site.
- e. Question 5: As the response to Question Number 4 is negative, Fort Detrick was unable to find and does not have within its possession, custody, or control any information responsive to this question.

- f. Question 6: Based upon an extensive search of all available records and files, Fort Detrick does not have reason to believe that there may be persons able to provide more detailed or complete responses to any question contained in the Information Request, or who may be able to provide additional responsive documents, provide names, titles, areas of responsibility, current addresses, and telephone numbers of such persons as well as additional information or documents.
- g. Question 7: All known sources of records, information, or documents that might be responsive or pertinent to the subject request were searched. Fort Detrick is not aware of any other agency, office, or persons from whom such information or documents may be obtained.
- h. Question 8: Fort Detrick does not have or possess any other information about other parties who may have information that may assist the Agency in its investigation of the Site, or who may be responsible for the generation of, transportation to, or release of contamination at the Site.
- i. Question 9: Fort Detrick personnel conducted an exhaustive search of the records in its possession, custody and control. These records date back to 1958. Records searched at the Wathington National Records Center date back to 1943. Fort Detrick personnel did not find any information or documents indicating that records responsive to the subject request were missing, no longer available, or destroyed. In accordance with Army record retention regulations, records concerning radioactive materials and waste are maintained at Fort Detrick until no longer needed for conducting business. These record are then retired to the Washington National Records Center, Suitland, Maryland or the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington D.C. where they are destroyed after 75 years.

Based on my inquiry of the personnel responsible for gathering the information request by the EPA, Region III, CERCLA 104(e) Information Request dated 18 April 2006, the information submitted is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. Should Fort Detrick or any of its affliated offices and agencies locate information or documents responsive to this Information Request, we will notify EPA of this fact and update our responses accordingly. Please feel free to contact, Mr. David Hudlow at (301) 619-3922 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely.

Mary R. Deutsch Colonel, US Army

**Deputy Installation Commander** 



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